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State Retirement Update

Today, Jared Smout, Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Administrator, presented an update on state retirement systems to the County Managers.

Smout addressed a variety of issues, including the legislative changes adopted during the 2017 Legislative Session, an update regarding the status of the Hall & Parker cases and the changes to actuarial assumptions due to recent experiences.

Smout also examined what is occurring with the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP). He shared that EORP is expected to run out of money within 10 years (due to the Hall case). Smout explained that the legislature has promised to address the issue in the 2018 session.



For more information on PSPRS, please [click here](#). For more information on the Hall Case, please [click here](#).

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Arizona Department of Revenue Update



Tom Johnson, the Assistant Director for Education and Compliance at the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) spoke to the county managers about the progress that the department is making to improve their e-filing system. He also outlined ADOR's efforts to improve their customer service and processes in accordance with the Governor's project, the Arizona Management System (AMS).



The Deputy Assistant Director over Education and Outreach, Amanda Dean, also addressed the county managers on Friday. She discussed the ways that ADOR is looking to improve their dissemination of information to the counties and how the department hopes improves their data analysis at the county level. Sean Laux, ADOR's Education and Community Relations Liaison, was also in attendance to field questions from attendees.

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New Ad Hoc Committee Formed on Juvenile Justice

This week the legislature formed the [Joint Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee on Statewide Juvenile Justice](#). The purpose of the committee is to study and review juvenile justice in Arizona, including by looking at the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADJC) secure care facility located at Adobe Mountain in Maricopa County. Additionally, the committee is tasked with exploring the state's needs and best options to rehabilitate the youths in custody, and

discussing trends and future projections to better understand the future needs of the State and counties. The committee will also focus on the ADJC funding mechanism and the relationship between counties and the State of Arizona in regards to juvenile corrections.

Legislators appointed to the committee include, House Majority Leader John Allen, and Representatives Heather Carter and Tony Navarrete, as well as Senators Karen Fann, Nancy Barto, and Lupe Contreras.

In addition to members of the Legislature, county representatives on the committee include Richard Bohan of Maricopa County, Jimmy Jayne of Coconino County, and Craig Sullivan of CSA. The remaining members include Commissioner Lisa Atkins of the Arizona State Land Department, Jerry Landau of the Arizona Supreme Court, Director Jeff Hood of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Director Charles Ryan of the Arizona Department of Corrections, and community members Ann O'Brien and Julie Read.

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CSA on the Road

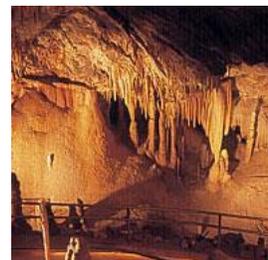


CSA Executive Director, Craig Sullivan, continues his outreach to the various counties across the state to brief county supervisors, administrators, and staff on the recently adjourned legislative session and CSA's efforts throughout the year in support of the counties. As CSA visits each of the counties, we will be taking a little time to feature each county and share some interesting local information.

Cochise County: Incredible Caverns

One of the most fascinating of Arizona's 30 State Parks and Natural Areas is Kartchner Caverns, located in Cochise County.

Discovered in 1974 by Gary Tenen and Randy Tufts, the incredible site was kept quiet until talks began with the Arizona State Parks Office in 1984 and it was officially opened as a State Park in 1999. Kartchner Caverns remains one of the world's best preserved living caves, boasting the largest column formation in the State and designated as a Microbial Observatory by the National Science Foundation. This state treasure continues to educate the public while contributing to sciences understanding of these fragile ecosystems.



For more information on Kartchner Caverns or any of the other State Parks please visit www.azstateparks.com

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Interim Committee Hearings

Next week the following Interim Committees are meeting at the Legislature:

- On Tuesday September 19, 2017, the [Ad Hoc Joint Committee on the Tax Treatment of Digital Goods and Services](#) will meet at 9:00 a.m. In House Hearing Room 1.
- On Tuesday September 19, 2017, the [Joint Legislative Committee on Department of Economic Security \(DES\) Block Grants](#) will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- On Tuesday September 19, 2017, the [Joint Legislative Budget Committee](#) (JLBC) will meet at 12:30 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- On Tuesday September 19, 2017, the [Joint Committee on Capital Review](#) will meet immediately upon adjournment of JLBC Meeting in House Hearing Room 1.

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NACo Webinar: Maximizing Impact in Communities through Outcomes-oriented Contracting

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar on Maximizing Impact in Communities through Outcomes-oriented Contracting on September 21, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (EST).



Outcomes-based contracting strives to effectively deploy resources and provide services to individuals and communities by tying payments to measurable, data-driven performance standards. Join NACo for this webinar to learn how Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc., and several counties have made the shift to results-oriented contracting and improved outcomes in areas such as workforce development, child welfare, and criminal justice.

For more information on the webinar, please [click here](#).

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